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**To:** Chairman Robert Weisenmiller  
Commissioner Andrew McAllister  
Commission David Hochschild  
Commissioner Karen Douglas  
Commissioner Janea Scott

**RE: California Energy Commission Business Meeting - Agenda Items #5:  
REVISED EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
STANDARDS**

On behalf of the California Building Officials (CALBO), we would like to extend our support for the adoption of Agenda Item #5. Adoption of this item would establish a revised effective date of July 1, 2014 for the 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

As background, CALBO's members are primarily responsible for enforcing building code requirements in an estimated 95% of the buildings constructed in California. CALBO continues to support the efforts of the California Energy Commission (CEC) and promotes energy compliance throughout California's local jurisdictions.

CALBO has come to realize along with other industry stakeholders and the CEC, that several of the key compliance tools and data registries will not be fully functional by January 1, 2014. Transition to the new standards without the needed compliance tools functioning properly, will place an extreme burden on the local jurisdictions and builders. With much deliberation, CALBO concluded that by allowing an additional six months to identify and resolve issues with the performance compliance tools and to get the data registries up and running will significantly help smooth the transitional path to these important energy saving standards.

Additionally, CALBO would like to ask that the CEC thoughtfully review the mandated forms that are included within the standards. While keeping compliance in mind, reducing the number and improving the clarity of forms will create greater fulfillment and understanding of the standards. CALBO asks that the amount and length of the mandatory forms be kept to a minimum.

Lastly, CALBO must request that the CEC clearly state that the 2010 Building Energy Standards will remain in effect during the delay of the 2013 Building Energy Standards' effective date. This will allow for local jurisdictions to have the legal authority to continue to enforce an energy standard. With such clear direction from the state, local jurisdictions will not require any action by local city or county councils.

Again, CALBO supports the adoption of Agenda Item #5. Please feel free to contact CALBO at (916) 457-1103 if additional information is needed on this subject.

Best regards,

**CRAIG OLIVER, CBO**  
President